NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

Ellsworth AFB, has completed a Draft Finding of No Practicable Alternative (FONPA) in accordance with Executive Order 11988 Floodplain Management, that evaluates the potential effects of granting Montana Dakota Utilities Company (MDU) a Consent to Cross Ellsworth AFB's 16" waterline permanent easement with a 10 inch steel and a 4 inch Polyurethane natural gas lines. The proposed crossing location is on the west side of Elk Vale Road, Rapid City, SD approximately 193 feet south of ¼ section line of Section 21 T2N R8E. The proposed crossing location is within the 100 year Floodplain.

Copies of the Draft FONPA are available for review on Ellsworth AFB's website, www.ellsworth.af.mil or by contacting Ms. Melody Jensen at 605-385-2685.

Written comments on the Draft FONPA are invited and will be received for 30 days from the publication of this notice. Comments and inquiries on this document should be provided in writing to

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